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OLD TESTAMENT NOTES AND NOTICES.

The Pharaoh and Date of the Exodus.—In a recent issue (March, 1889) of *The Theological Monthly*, Mr. J. Schwartz, librarian of the Apprentices' Library, New York City, claims to prove that the ordinary view as to the Pharaoh of the Exodus and the date of that event are wrong. It was Tutmes III., on April 20, 1438 B. C., more than 100 years before the time commonly supposed, who permitted the children of Israel to go forth from Egypt. The writer also declares that in a forthcoming article he will offer a further argument on this point which will leave no possible room for doubt. The evidence will be awaited with interest.

Hebrew Parchments containing parts of the Old Testament.—The undersigned has in his possession the following collection of Hebrew parchments, which have been lately sent to this country from one of the Armenian monasteries: 1. An Esther Roll, unpainted Hebrew text, 12 columns, size 5 feet 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches by 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Evidently over a century old and in excellent preservation. Value \$20. 2. The Schema,—Deut. 6:4 and onward. Two copies. Value \$1 each. 3. Two Phylacteries, with text the same as the Schema in good condition. Value \$3 each. 4. Another Esther Roll, 7 feet 3 inches long and 8 inches wide, undated, but with unpainted Hebrew Text, and evidently about 200 years old. Value \$15.

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Biblical Instruction at Haverford College.—From its very beginning as Haverford School, in 1833, to its present vigorous life, the managers of Haverford College have held closely to their desire "to inculcate the simple truths of the Christian religion." And while making advances in material prosperity and in methods and results of instruction, the old motto of the school: "*Non doctior sed meliore doctrina imbutus*," has been closely followed by the college. Not only to make scholars, but to educate Christian men, has been the aim, and the result of this earnest and sincere endeavor is seen in the alumni, whose position in church and state is the best evidence of the wisdom of their training. As this was the purpose of the school and afterward of the college, there resulted, naturally, the determination to teach the Bible; and from the very beginning until now there have not only been daily religious services with the reading of the Scriptures, but there has been compulsory class instruction in the Book of Books. As college after college has been adding to its course instruction in the English Bible, the faculty of Haverford College has been strengthened in its confidence in the wisdom of the course pursued during half a century and has been not a little encouraged by the knowledge that this movement had been anticipated here in every essential particular. But though the biblical instruction has always been present, it has experienced change and improvement, gaining by the increase in teaching staff, and by superior material accommodations. It is a reasonably good course, but it has also its outlook toward the future, and will doubtless be greatly improved and strengthened. The course as now arranged may be divided into (a) required, (b)